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Applicant's or agent's file reference 151157-5 DK	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 3B

as suggested by the applicant.

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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